# creative powers of pepsis

ideas on digestion, science and method

## **Background of work**

The proposal grew out of an interest in Gottfried F. Runge's chemical images who developed a technique similar to paper chromatography and the idea of a "creative nature". Recent work changing colour codes into sound would make it possible to use similar imaging techniques as used in a lab at Unist and to use the data to create new structures.

See below a sample of the flag piece:

States of Exception

https://wp.me/P1ynG8-Pw

#### Abkhazia





Flag Colour List / States of Exemption											
	rgb			cmyk-%				#	file	country	
	129	178	134	53	13	59	0	81b286		Abkhazia	
	66	93	133	82	64	27	8	425d85		Antarctic Treaty	
	168	100	88	28	66	62	11	a86458		Artsakh	
	255	56	0	0	91	100	0	ff3800		Cristiana	
	71	33	65	67	90	44	47	472141		Donetsk	
	245	202	202	2	24	12	0	f5caca		Elgaland-Vargaland	
	206	30	51	13	100	87	3	cele33		Isle of Man	
	255	59	59	0	90	77	0	ff3b3b		Jammu & Kashmir	
	20	78	159	98	79	3	0	144e9f	xk	Kosovo	
	113	86	140	65	75	18	3	71568c		Luhansk	
	248	191	195	0	30	12	0	f8bfc3		Northern Cyprus	
	228	79	85	5	84	64	1	e44f55		Order of St. John	
	96	100	86	60	48	63	26	606456		Palestine	
	254	128	1	0	61	100	0	fe80001		Principality of Trinidad	
	170	127	105	31	50	58	7	aa7f69		Somaliland	
	255	159	85	0	45	72	0	ff9f55		South Ossetia	
	68	75	71	69	56	61	40	444b47	SS	South Sudan	
	200	8	42	15	100	94	5	c8082a	TW	Taiwan	
	169	106	88	29	62	64	11	a96a58		Tibet	
	168	37	27	23	98	100	17	a8251b		Transnistria	
	252	234	118	3	3	66	0	fcea76	VA	Vatican	
	101	164	84	66	15	88	1	65a454		Wendland	
	95	96	58	57	46	83	31	5f603a	EH	Western Sahara	

## Work process

The techniques used were more coplex than expected though. With the help of Gahyun Baek, I was able to gather a useful DGGE image which I then translated into other data with scientific software found online I was able to produce graphs from the gel lanes and the resulting number were put into a spreadsheet. Due to the time constrains I was not able to translate other data into colours. So this work is still in progress. If the graphs were more precise it would be possible for instance to map the graph as a 3d landscape. and use any point in that landscape to produce other data, e.g. sound.

Please see the following images:









DGGE 1.tiff; Uncalibrated







Outcome https://wp.me/P1ynG8-QU DGGE 1.tiff; Uncalibrated



# CYMK

3817.095	4.618	3/81/70/95
9597.439	11.611	9/59/74/39
6957.61	8.417	0/69/57/61
3241.418	3.921	3/24/14/18
19225.61	23.258	1/92/25/61
24530.61	29.676	2/45/30/61
15291.731	18.499	15/29/17/31

DGGE 1.tiff; Uncalibrated



#### DGGE 6.tiff; Uncalibrated



### **Residency impressions**

It is possible to invite artists to do what they do anyway. It would be probably more conducive to bringing art and science closer by embedding an artist longer term into a lab or research group. It takes some time for an outsider to master techniques and not to rely entirely on others. An embedded artist would be more knowledgeable when following the project from its inception. A one month residency will rarely explore the potential of art methods v. science methods.

Both art and science suffer if both are bogged down in routines. Scientific change begins with "imagining" - Newton imagining objects in "empty space" (I discount More's input), Galileo imagining air free space and contending that a feather would fall as fast as a cannon ball, or Einstein the change of time relating to the movement of a streetcar and clocktower. It may take a "paradigm change" to break up the routine, the calculation, the immediate utility of research, and artists may be able to help with a sense to detect and grasp serendipitous aspects to a research question.

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